

CITY OF RIVERDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BUSINESS SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
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WELCOME TO THE MAYOR & COUNCIL  
MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE  
THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



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BUSINESS SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015 | 7:00 PM**

The Honorable Mayor Evelyn Wynn Dixon

The Honorable Cynthia Stamps-Jones  
The Honorable Wanda Wallace

The Honorable An'cel Davis  
The Honorable Kenneth Ruffin

City Manager:  
City Clerk:  
City Attorney:

E. Scott Wood  
Sylvia Vaughan  
L'Erin Barnes

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** Provided by the Honorable Mayor Wynn-Dixon.
- 2. ROLL CALL- CITY CLERK:** All Members of Council were present which constituted a quorum.

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Evelyn Wynn-Dixon	Mayor, At-Large		X
Cynthia Stamps-Jones	Council Member, Ward 1		X
An'cel Davis	Council Member, Ward 2		X
Wanda Wallace	Council Member, Ward 3 Mayor Pro-Tem		X
Kenneth Ruffin	Council Member, Ward 4 Parliamentary		X

- 3. INVOCATION:** Provided by Pastor Riley.
- 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited in unison.
- 5. RULES OF CONDUCT READ BY OFFICER IN ARMS:** Provided by Sergeant Wilburn.
- 6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Addition(s): Approval of the City Newsletter.

Deletion(s):

## 7. PRESENTATIONS: ( 5 MINUTE LIMIT)

- **PROCLAMATION FOR JULIUS AGWU FOUNDATION**

City Manager Scott Wood presented a proclamation to Julius Agwu for his dedication of community service on behalf of the Mayor and City Council. The following proclamation into the record:

### **Proclamation**

*of the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Riverdale,  
Georgia, recognizing:  
Julius Agwu  
for his dedication of community service*

Whereas: Julius Agwu is a prominent international comedian, musician, actor, producer, philanthropist and humanitarian; and

Whereas: He has anchored numerous prominent entertainment events in his home country of Nigeria, including the Africa Movie Awards Academy, the Miss Nigeria Beauty Pageant, and the Nigeria Entertainment Awards; and

Whereas: Julius Agwu has established numerous successful business and entertainment interests not only within Nigeria but also in Scotland, England and the United States of America; and

Whereas: He does hail from the state of Rivers in his home country; and

Whereas: Julius Agwu has recently declared Riverdale, Georgia to be an adopted “home away from home”and;

Whereas: He has been philanthropically supportive of the City of Riverdale through the donation in November of 250 turkeys to local needy families and public safety officials; and

Whereas: Julius Agwu has graciously provided dynamic entertainment as a headline act at the City of Riverdale Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Now Therefore, I, Dr. Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, by virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Riverdale, Georgia, and on behalf of City Council Members Cynthia Stamps-Jones, An’cel Davis, Wanda Wallace, and Kenny Ruffin, wish to express particular appreciation to Mr. Julius Agwu for his generosity to and support of the citizens of this community.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this 14th day of December 2015, and have caused the Official Seal of the great City of Riverdale, to be affixed hereto:

• **PROCLAMATION FOR BISHOP ADEYINKA ADEJUBE**

City Manager Scott Wood presented a proclamation to Bishop Adeyinka Adejube for his Service as a Humanitarian.

**Proclamation**

*of the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Riverdale, Georgia,  
recognizing:  
Bishop Adeyinka Adejube  
for his Service as a Humanitarian*

**Whereas:** Bishop Adeyinka Adejube is a member of the National Academy of Recording Artist and a voting representative to the internationally prestigious Grammy awards; and

**Whereas:** He was a valued member of the production team of the documentary of the late Reverend A. D. William King, brother of Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

**Whereas:** Bishop Adeyinka Adejube has facilitated numerous business and educational exchanges between his native Nigeria and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the University of Georgia; and

**Whereas:** He is the Chief Operating Officer of the Julius Agwu Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping the less privileged; and

**Whereas:** Bishop Adeyinka Adejube was instrumental in organizing and implementing the distribution of 250 turkeys to the less privileged and also the public safety officials of the City of Riverdale; and

**Whereas:** We give pause, honor and gratitude for the deep and abiding commitment of this honorable humanitarian who has given so unselfishly to help our community grow and thrive by providing valuable services.

**Now Therefore,** I, Dr. Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, by virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Riverdale, Georgia, and on behalf of City Council Members Cynthia Stamps-Jones, An'cel Davis, Wanda Wallace, and Kenny Ruffin, do convey our most sincere gratitude for the humanitarian efforts and initiatives of Bishop Adeyinka Adejube and the Julius Agwu Foundation, and extend this expression of the City's esteem to Bishop Adeyinka Adejube.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this 14th day of December 2015, and have caused the Official Seal of the great City of Riverdale, to be affixed hereto:

- **SCORE PHOTO PRESENTATION YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAMS**

Recreation Director Alan Dotson presented a presentation on behalf of the Youth Football Teams. He recognized the 14, 12, 6 and under Youth Football Teams. Mr. Dotson also acknowledged the Riverdale Blackhawk Football Teams for qualifying and playing in the 2015 Southern Premier Youth Football Championships. He stated that 6 and under Riverdale Blackhawk Football Team traveled to Daytona Beach for Thanksgiving and won the Thanksgiving Bowl Championship for their Age Division.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (5 MINUTE LIMIT) SEE BLUE CARD FOR RULES OF PARTICIPATION**

There were no public comments.

**9. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:** Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2015 Work Session and Business Session; and Special Called Meeting of December 8, 2015

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2015 Work Session and Business Session; and Special Called Meeting of December 8, 2015. Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**10. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER 28, 2015 MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the cancellation of the December 28, 2015, Meeting with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**B. AMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET- FY -2015/RESOLUTION NO. 56**

Finance Director Don Turner provided an overview of the FY-2015 Budget Amendment. He stated that the purpose of this item is to increase the revenue budget to balance the City's Budget.

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the budget amendment FY-2015 with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**C. ADOPTION OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS JOB DESCRIPTIONS**



City Manager Scott Wood provided an overview of the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Job Descriptions. He stated that the purpose of this item is for Mayor and Council to approve the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Job Descriptions.

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Job Descriptions with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**D. APPOINTMENT OF A HEARING OFFICER FOR ETHICS COMPLAINT FILED AND SCHEDULE A HEARING DATE/RESOLUTION NO.55**

City Attorney L’Erin Barnes gave an overview of the appointment for a Hearing Officer for the Ethics Complaint. She stated that the purpose of this item is for Mayor and Council to appoint a Hearing Officer and to schedule a hearing date.

Council Member Ruffin made a motion to appoint Attorney Deborah Leslie, Hearing Officer for the ethics complaint and schedule the hearing for December 21, 2013. **The motion passed with Council Members Ruffin and Wallace voting “Yes”. Council Members Stamps-Jones and Davis voted “No”. Mayor Wynn-Dixon broke the tie.**

**E. APPROVAL OF THE CITY NEWSLETTER**

Council Member Ruffin gave an overview of the City’s Newsletter. He stated that the purpose of this item is for the

Council Member Ruffin made a motion to approve the City Newsletter with Council Member Wallace providing the second. **The motion passed with Council Members Ruffin and Wallace voting “Yes”. Council Members Stamps-Jones and Davis voted “No”. Mayor Wynn-Dixon broke the tie.**

**11. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mayor Wynn-Dixon provided comments to the governing body.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn the Business Session Meeting at 8:15 pm with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

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City Clerk Sylvia Vaughan